

SEPTEMBER

at the

CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

SEPTEMBER MEETING

DATE: Wednesday evening, September 14.
TIME: 7:30 p.m., and again at 8:45 p.m.
PLACE: May Treat Morrison Auditorium
SUBJECT: "THE LIVING STONE"

In the "Living Stone," one of the two films on this program photographed in our beautiful 49th state, the camera has entered intimately into the life of an Eskimo camp at Cape Dorset on Baffin Island, photographing a way of life and social customs, recording age-old beliefs as they are conveyed in legends and carvings.

It is the story of ancient fetishism which dominated the Eskimo's world. For them a spirit existed in every stick and stone, bird or beast. By fashioning likenesses of things desired, these nomadic people sought to influence the spirits of nature who determined whether the people would go hungry or be fed, or whether blizzards would rage or the sun bring warmth.

We see, too, Katmayoo—"a gathering of friends"—when as many as possible come to partake of a young hunter's first seal; and feasting and dancing before the spirit of the snow, Oklorak, drives away the good summer.

The curtain raiser for this Alaskan program is a short film entitled "How to Build an Igloo." No one will be seated after the 7:30 program has begun.

MORRISON PLANETARIUM

"LIFE ON OTHER WORLDS" will continue through Labor Day, September 5. Beginning September 8:

"A TRIP TO THE FROZEN GIANTS." The giants in this case are the remote planets of Saturn and Jupiter, whose temperatures are approximately 250° F. below zero. This show will play through October 30.

Please note the change in the time of performances beginning with "Giants":

Daily at 2:00 p.m., with evening shows, Wednesday through Sunday, at 8:30. Extra matinees on Saturday and Sunday at 3:30 p.m. Admission: Adults, \$1.00, Children, 50c.

MORRISON AUDITORIUM

"EXPEDITION!", an Academy-produced color documentary of scientific exploration and research in many remote corners of the world. Performances on Saturdays and Sunday at 12:45, 2:15, and 3:45 p.m. Admission, Adults, \$1.00, Children, 50c.

SPECIAL EXHIBITS

From the Academy Collections: "ONE-SHOT COLOR CAMERA," an unusual photographic device rarely placed on display. Main Foyer. Hall of Science.

"CAMOUFLAGE IN NATURE," Dr. Edward S. Ross' noteworthy color enlargements of some of nature's most ingenious masqueraders—an exhibit not to be missed. Lovell White Hall of Man and Nature.

"CALIFORNIA WILDFLOWERS," exquisite water colors by Mrs. Ruth Meredith Moranda. Alice Eastwood Hall of Botany.

"SURVEYOR I," fascinating black-and-white photographs taken in the Ocean of Storms by this pioneer space vehicle, which made the first soft-landing on the Moon. Astronomy Hall, Hall of Science.

ANNUAL ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

The nominating committee selected by the Trustees in accordance with the By-Laws of the California Academy of Sciences has recommended the following names for election as Trustees at the next Annual Meeting scheduled for October 5, 1966:

Mr. Stephen D. Bechtel, Jr.
Mr. E. Morris Cox
Mr. Alan J. Galloway
Dr. Siemon W. Muller
Mr. John A. Sutro

Additional nominations may be made to the Secretary in writing by ten or more Corporate Members on or before September 15. If no such additional nominations shall be made the nominations shall be deemed closed, and at the following annual meeting of the Academy the Secretary shall cast the unanimous ballot of the Corporate Members for the ticket reported by the nominating committee.

NEWS and NOTES

WITHIN A MATTER OF DAYS, death came to two valued members of the Steinhart Aquarium staff who had retired in recent years. John McKenna, until July 1964 the Aquarium's Exhibits Preparator, passed away on July 5 at the age of 63. Donald A. Simpson, former Assistant Curator and known as "the grand old man of aquarium fishers," died July 13 at the age of 74. Both men had given decades of devoted service to the causes of the Academy.

H. VANNOY DAVIS, a Fellow of the Academy and an expert nature photographer, joined Dr. Edward S. Ross for his current "insect safari" in Africa for a brief period. Mr. Davis, who has worked in the field with Dr. Ross on previous expeditions to Asia and Australia, has exhibited photographs at the Academy and in competition showings sponsored by the Photographic Society of America.

THE LIMITED SPACE in the NEWSLETTER precludes a complete listing of their names, but it is interesting to note that as of August 15, there were 96 new members of the Junior Academy. Reassuring, what?

NEW SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS of the

CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

- "The Pedalis-Group of Hygrotes, with Descriptions of Two New Species and a Key to the Species (Coleoptera: Dytiscidae)." Hugh B. Leech. Vol. XXXIII, No. 15. July 8, 196650c
- "A Review of the Genus Ophiomorus (Sauria: Scincidae), with Descriptions of Three New Forms." Steven C. Anderson and Alan E. Leviton. Vol. XXXIII, No. 16. July 8, 196675c
- "The Stratiomyidae (Diptera) of the Galápagos Islands." Maurice T. James. Vol. XXXIII, No. 17. July 8, 196625c
- "Critical Notes on the Genus Stenopelmatus Burmeister in California, with Redescription of S. Intermedius Davis and Smith and a Key to the Species." Ernest R. Tinkham. Vol. XXXIII, No. 18. July 8, 196625c
- "The Systematics of the Pacific Tree Frog, Hyla Regilla." David L. Jameson, James P. Mackey and Rollin C. Richmond. Vol. XXXIII, No. 19. July 8, 1966\$1.50

PLACE A CIRCLE around October 5 on your desk calendar. That is the evening scheduled for the Annual Meeting and Open House at the Academy. As in the past, departments will be open, there will be behind-the-scene tours of Steinhart Aquarium, and a special film in Morrison Auditorium. Invite your friends now to enjoy this once-a-year event with you.

THERE WAS A pleasantly ingenuous flair in the teens and the twenties which pervaded even applications for membership in the Academy. At that time, a new member must, perforce, be "proposed" by two other members and among the information required was the applicant's occupation. Here are but four examples which caught the eye: Mr. A. W. R.'s occupation was described as "Importer of Caged Birds"; Mr. F. A. R.'s "Retired Mechanical Engineer (Inventor of the Can Machine)"—and don't you wonder what *that* was? There is something jaunty about W. W. R.'s declaration: "Sportsman." But the last lets one know it was written in the dear, dead days beyond recall: "Capitalist."

MEET THE STAFF



FRED L. JENNE, Aquatic Biologist on the staff of Steinhart Aquarium, is a native Californian born in Sacramento and educated in Mill Valley's Tamalpais High School and Kentfield's College of Marin. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in biology at San Francisco State College. In the same year of his graduation (1954), ROTC training whisked him into the U.S. Air Force where he remained for the following two years.

Considering his current status, it seems natural that he would have been a tropical fish fancier and amateur herpetologist. Since as far back as he can remember, a host of aquaria cluttered up his family home.

Though employment at Steinhart in 1961 as an Aquarist found Fred ridding himself of his personal tanks of fancy fish (the demands of those at work being quite enough), he still keeps a dozen snakes, mostly poisonous, which include a rhinoceros viper, a gaboon viper, and a spitting cobra. Another lengthy friend is an eight-foot boa constrictor which he has had for five years. In 1965, he was appointed Aquatic Biologist.

His interests are varied. He is an active photographer, holds a black belt in judo, collects weapons and relishes science fiction. He travels California widely to camp, skin dive and ski.

He is fond of classical music, particularly that of Russian and German composers. In the near future, he hopes to pursue ichthyological and herpetological studies in South America and the South Pacific.

(Photo by Maurice Giles)

MRS. HENRY POTTER RUSSELL

December 18, 1896 - July 17, 1966

A devoted friend, Fellow and Trustee of the Academy, Mrs. Russell gave unstintingly of herself to our institution. This, and a record of selfless public service to the community in general, is a monument to her memory.

NEW MEMBERS OF THE ACADEMY

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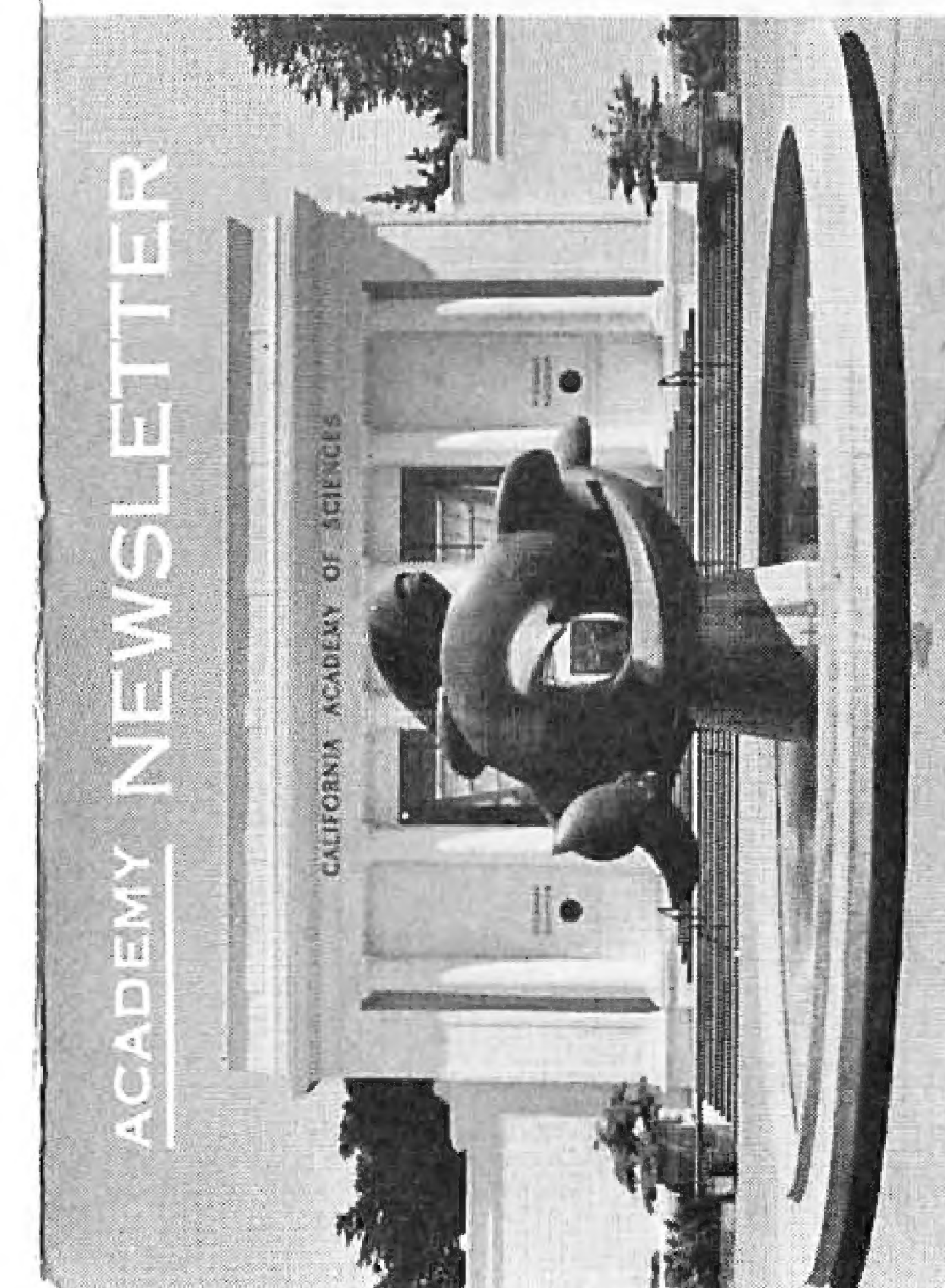
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